

- (ii) an iron (III) chelator having an iron (III) binding constant of  $10^{23}$  or greater;  
and  
(iii) a solubility promoter such as water:

The transitional metal chelator serves as an active anti-microbial, whilst the carrier fluid-solubility promoter mixture enables the formation of a stable composition. Preferred compositions are homogeneous solutions.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition comprising:
- (i) a  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  monohydric alcohol carrier fluid, present at a level of at least 50% by weight of the total composition (excluding any volatile propellant present);
  - (ii) an iron (III) chelator having an iron (III) binding constant of  $10^{23}$  or greater;
  - (iii) a solubility promoter selected from the group consisting of
    - (a) water;
    - (b) an organic amine;
    - (c) a polyhydric alcohol or derivative thereof;
    - (d) a volatile propellant having fluorine-carbon or oxygen-carbon bonds;
    - (e) any combination of (a) to (d)

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Please add new claim 27 as follows:

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27. (New) An anti-microbial composition comprising:

- (i) a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> monhydric alcohol carrier fluid, present at a level of greater than 50% by weight of the total composition (excluding any volatile propellant present);
- (ii) an iron (III) chelator having an iron (III) binding coefficient of 10<sup>23</sup> or greater; and
- (iii) water as a solubility promoter.